

City Talk Column for August 23, 2023  
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### **Come enjoy these city events**

Every year I get really excited for what events our Parks and Recreation Department is going to put on for the community. So far, my favorite this year has been the Spring Red Dirt Concert Series at Posse Grounds. Every Friday evening in May, the community enjoyed coming together on the lawn of the Posse Grounds Pavilion for great music and (mostly) good weather.

And this year, we're lucky enough to keep the good times rolling with the Fall version of the concert series picking back up every Friday evening in September from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Posse Grounds Pavilion. The shows are free and enjoyed by listeners of all ages. Here are the acts you can come listen to in September:

- Him & Me – Friday, Sept. 1
- Sugar Moon – Friday, Sept. 8
- Local Honey – Friday, Sept. 15
- Big Daddy D & the Dynamites with opener Jeanie Carroll – Friday, Sept. 22
- The Electric Harp Guitar Group – Friday, Sept. 29

What other events do we have to look forward to this Fall from our Parks and Recreation Department? One highlight is certainly WagFest & Fair on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon at the Posse Grounds Pavilion. All dog lovers are invited to come out to this free event for a morning of fun where you and your dog can shop from vendors and learn from the area's best dog-related product and service providers. Interactive presentations will be made, and yes, there will absolutely be an abundance of dog treats passed out!

Another highlight is the always popular Uptown Trick or Treat event on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 8 p.m. in Uptown Sedona. We're in the planning phase of this free event right now but you can expect the same recipe as previous years, which includes businesses handing out candy; costumes that inspire your imagination; and city staff set up with music, more candy of course and activities for kids to participate in. More details will come closer to the event but we hope to see everyone come out and enjoy the one night a year we all collectively dress in costume.

The last event I want to highlight is one I look forward to every year: the Food Truck Festival. This year, it is scheduled for Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Posse Grounds Park. Come eat as much as you can with food trucks galore from around northern Arizona and beyond. With a mix of live music, food and beer, this event is loved for good reason. It is free entry, with food and beverages available for purchase.

The Parks and Recreation Department loves putting on these events for the community to come together and enjoy. For more information on the Red Dirt Concert Series, WagFest & Fair, Uptown Trick or Treat, the Food Truck Festival or any other events by the Parks and Recreation Department, visit the events webpage at [www.sedonaaz.gov/parkevents](http://www.sedonaaz.gov/parkevents) or call (928) 282-7098. We hope to see you at one (or all!) of these events this Fall.